



Pregnant Women and Infants

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- Table 5. Excludes births to mothers whose age was not specified.
- Table 7-12. Rates and percentages are based on the births for which maternal and infant characteristics depicted in the table are known. For example, the percent of births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy (Table 12) is based on births for which maternal smoking status was known.
- Table 8. No rates are shown for births to mothers less than 15 years old, nor are births to these mother reflected in the total.
- Table 9. The “Other” race category in these *Profiles* is limited to births to mothers whose race was not specified.
- Table 10. Mothers with “less than high school” education are those who completed less than 12 years of schooling.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF WOMEN OF CHILDBEARING AGE

Table 1. Population of Women Ages 15-44, 1990-1994

Age	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
15-19	171,107	166,080	167,580	171,990	177,000
20-24	181,604	183,470	181,040	176,580	171,220
25-29	201,666	194,590	188,720	183,180	177,890
30-34	211,370	213,450	213,030	210,400	208,610
35-39	193,091	199,030	203,440	206,990	212,250
40-44	167,103	179,980	182,230	186,530	193,270
Total	1,125,941	1,136,600	1,136,040	1,135,670	1,140,240

Source: 1990 data are from the 1990 Census of Population and Housing; 1991-1994 estimates are from the Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

The number of Wisconsin women in their childbearing years (ages 15-44) has increased since 1990. While most (62) counties have experienced net increases, 9 counties have had net declines in the number of women ages 15-44.

Table 2. Poverty Status of Women Ages 18-44, 1989

Age	Percent in Poverty	County Quartiles:	
	State	Lowest	Highest
18-24	23.8	#14.8	\$28.4
25-44	9.7	#8.1	\$15.2
Total 18-44	13.0	#10.1	\$16.3

Source: 1990 Census of Population and Housing.

Note: Poverty is defined by the federal government and measured by household income and size.

In half of Wisconsin counties, between 11 and 16 percent of women ages 18-44 had incomes below poverty, according to the 1990 U.S. Census.

BIRTHS AND FERTILITY RATES

Table 3. Total Births and Birth Rates, 1990-1994

Year	Number of Births	Crude Birth Rate	General Fertility Rate	Teen Birth Rate
1990	72,636	14.8	64.5	42.4
1991	72,039	14.6	63.4	43.8
1992	70,662	14.2	62.2	42.1
1993	69,760	13.8	61.4	41.0
1994	68,265	13.4	59.9	38.8

Source: Birth certificates and population estimates, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

Note: The crude birth rate (CBR) is defined as the number of births in a given year divided by the number of people in the population (per 1,000). The general fertility rate (GFR) is defined as the number of births in a given year divided by the population of women ages 15-44 (per 1,000). The teen birth rate (TBR) is defined as the number of births to teens 15-19 divided by the population of females ages 15-19 (per 1,000).

Since 1990, annual declines have occurred statewide in total births, the crude birth rate and the general fertility rate. The Wisconsin teen birth rate has ranged between a high of 44 in 1991 and a low of 39 in 1994.

Table 4. Comparison of Birth Rates, 1994

	Birth Rate: State	County Quartiles: Lowest Highest	
Crude Birth Rate	13.4	#11.3	\$13.1
General Fertility Rate	59.9	#54.3	\$63.97
Teen Birth Rate	38.8	#26.0	\$46.5

Source: Birth certificates and population estimates, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

In 54 counties, at least 20 births occurred in which the mother was a teen (aged 19 or younger). One-fourth of the counties had a 1994 teen birth rate of 26 per 1,000 or below (the lowest quartile). Another fourth had a rate of 46 per 1,000 or higher (the highest quartile).

Table 5. Comparison of Age-Specific Birth Rates, 1992-1994 Averages

Age	Average Annual Number of Births	Birth Rate: State	County Quartiles:	
			Lowest	Highest
<15	165	---	---	---
15-19	6,994	40.6	#26.0	\$44.6
15-17	2,468	23.6	#12.6	\$24.9
18-19	4,526	67.1	#47.4	\$79.5
20-34	55,425	97.2	#98.5	\$111.3
35+	6,972	17.7	#13.5	\$17.7
Total	69,556	61.0		

Source: Birth certificates and population estimates, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

Note: Rates are per 1,000 women in the age group.

Statewide, most births (79 percent in 1994) are to women in their twenties and early thirties. In counties with relatively high birth rates for this age group, the rates ranged from 111 to 325 (per 1,000 women aged 20-34).

Table 6. Age-Specific Birth Rates, Three-Year Averages

Age	1990-1992	1991-1993	1992-1994
15-19	42.8	42.3	40.6
15-17	24.3	24.2	23.6
18-19	68.8	69.6	67.1
20-34	98.5	97.8	97.2
35+	17.0	17.2	17.7

Source: Birth certificates and population estimates, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

Wisconsin birth rates have declined since 1990 for women in all age groups except those age 30 and above.

Note: Rates are per 1,000 women in the age group.

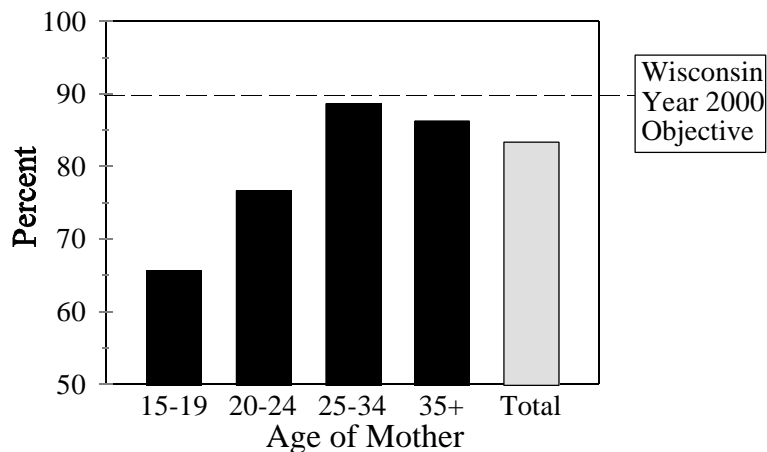
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Table 7. First Prenatal Care Visit and Low Birthweight, 1990-1994

Year	First Trimester		Third Trimester or None		Birthweight Less than 2,500 Grams	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
1990	59,275	81.7	2,809	3.9	4,284	5.9
1991	58,705	81.6	2,716	3.8	4,435	6.2
1992	57,804	82.0	2,525	3.6	4,204	6.0
1993	57,251	82.2	2,507	3.6	4,299	6.2
1994	56,716	83.2	2,403	3.5	4,358	6.4

Source: Birth certificates, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

In relatively small proportions of Wisconsin births each year, prenatal care was begun during the third trimester or not at all.

Figure 1. Percent of Women Obtaining First-Trimester Prenatal Care, 1994

Source: Birth certificates, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

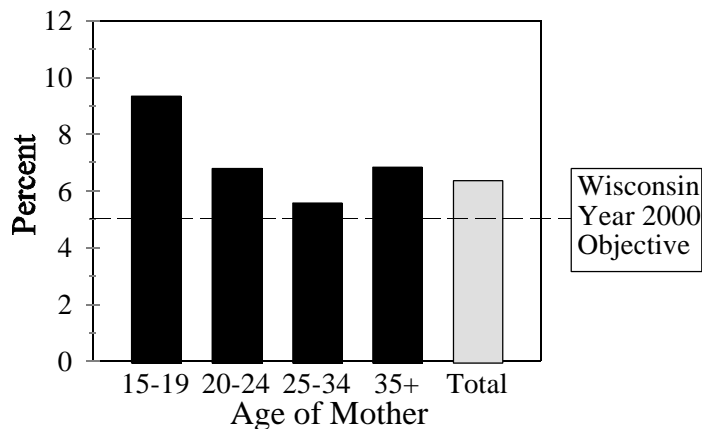
Since 1990, the proportion of Wisconsin women who received first-trimester prenatal care has been 82 or 83 percent each year.

Table 8. First Prenatal Care Visit and Low Birthweight by Age of Mother, 1994

Age	Number of Births	First Trimester		Third Trimester or None		Birthweight Less than 2,500 Grams	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
15-19	6,876	4,492	65.6	530	7.7	642	9.3
20-24	15,330	11,733	76.7	774	5.1	1,039	6.8
25-34	38,603	34,156	88.6	842	2.2	2,151	5.6
35+	7,289	6,271	86.3	218	3.0	498	6.8
Total	68,098	56,652	83.3	2,364	3.5	4,330	6.4

Source: Birth certificates, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

Statewide, late or no prenatal care is generally more prevalent among very young women who give birth than among older women. Infants born to teenagers are also more likely to have a birthweight less than 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds).

Figure 2. Percent of Births with Low Birthweight (<2500 Grams), 1994

Source: Birth certificates, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

In 1994, a total of 4,358 infants (6.4 percent of live births) were born in Wisconsin with low birthweight. Low birthweight occurred most frequently among births to teens (9 percent of all births in the age group); women age 35 and older had the second highest proportion (almost 7 percent).

Table 9. First Prenatal Care Visit and Low Birthweight by Race/Ethnicity of Mother, 1994

Race/ Ethnicity	Number of Births	First Trimester		Third Trimester or None		Birthweight Less than 2,500 Grams	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
White	56,451	49,312	87.5	1,247	2.2	3,076	5.4
Black	6,812	4,290	63.0	755	11.1	979	14.4
Am. Indian	750	484	64.8	70	9.4	38	5.1
Hispanic	2,398	1,647	68.9	183	7.7	162	6.8
Asian	1,839	972	52.9	148	8.1	100	5.4
Other	15	11	91.7	0	0.0	3	21.4

In 1994, statewide there were 56,451 births to white women, 6,812 births to African-American women, 2,398 births to Hispanic women, 1,839 births to Asian women (of which 1,230 births were to Laotian/Hmong women), and 750 births to American Indian women.

Source: Birth certificates, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

Note: All live births were classified into mutually exclusive categories: non-Hispanic white, non-Hispanic black, Hispanic, non-Hispanic Asian, non-Hispanic American Indian, non-Hispanic other.

Table 10. First Prenatal Care Visit and Low Birthweight by Education of Mother, 1994

Years of Education	Number of Births	First Trimester		Third Trimester or None		Birthweight Less than 2,500 Grams	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than High School	11,353	6,889	60.8	1,228	10.8	1,127	9.9
High School	24,397	20,247	83.2	732	3.0	1,577	6.5
More than High School	32,430	29,524	91.2	439	1.4	1,639	5.1

Women with higher levels of education are more likely to receive prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy; their infants are also much less likely to have low birthweight.

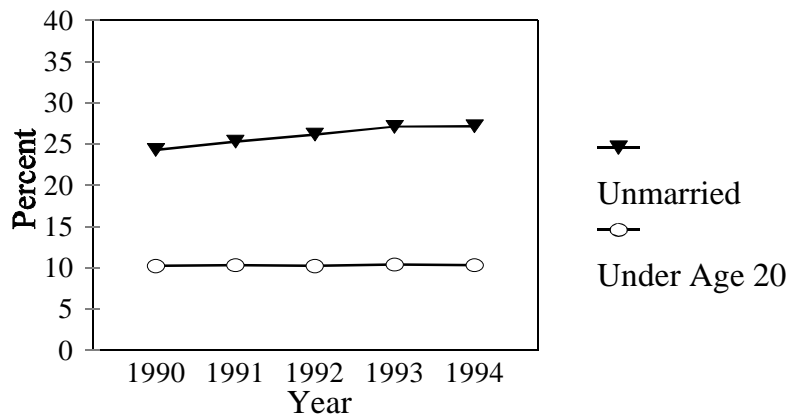
Source: Birth certificates, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

Table 11. Births with Selected Maternal Characteristics, 1990-1994

Year	First Birth		Unmarried		< 12 Years Education		Smoked during Pregnancy	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1990	27,265	37.6	17,615	24.3	12,290	16.9	16,599	22.9
1991	27,187	37.8	18,226	25.3	12,270	17.1	16,202	22.6
1992	26,705	37.8	18,443	26.1	11,980	17.0	15,279	21.7
1993	26,613	38.2	18,878	27.1	11,775	16.9	14,469	20.8
1994	26,355	38.6	18,523	27.1	11,353	16.7	13,357	19.6

Source: Birth certificates, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

The proportion of Wisconsin women who smoke during pregnancy has declined about 1 percentage point annually since 1990.

Figure 3. Percent of Births to Teens (<20) and Unmarried Women, 1994

Source: Birth certificates, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

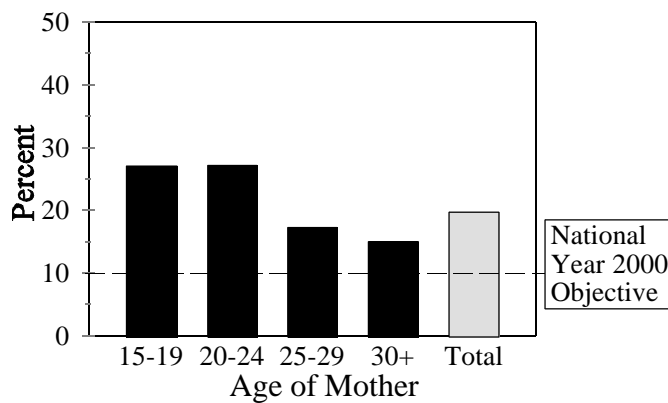
The long-term increase in the proportion of births to unmarried mothers continued during the 1990s. Infants born to unmarried women represented 24 percent of all Wisconsin births in 1990; by 1994, they were 27 percent of all births.

Table 12. Births with Selected Maternal Characteristics by Age, 1994

Age	Unmarried		<12 Years Education		Smoked during Pregnancy	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
15-19	5,736	83.4	4,364	63.5	1,857	27.1
20-24	6,880	44.9	3,359	21.9	4,146	27.1
25-29	3,177	15.2	1,782	8.5	3,611	17.2
30+	2,569	10.3	1,686	6.8	3,726	15.0

Source: Birth certificates, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

The proportion of infants born to unmarried women was 25 percent or greater in one-fourth of Wisconsin counties. In most counties, the proportion of nonmarital births was higher among younger women.

Figure 4. Percent of Women Who Smoked During Pregnancy as a Percentage of All Live Births, 1994

Source: Birth certificates, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

In general, older women are less likely to smoke during pregnancy than younger women. In 1994, 27 percent of Wisconsin teens ages 15-19 who gave birth smoked during their pregnancies, compared with 15 percent of women ages 30 and older.

**Table 13. Reported Pregnancies and Births, 1992-94
Annual Average**

Age	Reported Pregnancies	Number of Births
Less than 20	10,119	7,159
20+	73,723	62,397
Total	83,842	69,556

Source: Birth certificates, reported induced abortions and reported fetal deaths, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

Note: The number of reported pregnancies is the sum of the number of live births, reported fetal deaths, and reported induced abortions. The number of reported pregnancies underestimates the actual number of pregnancies because it does not include miscarriages. Pregnancies from border counties may also be underestimated because of limited reporting by out-of-state facilities.

The proportion of pregnancies that result in a live birth is generally higher for women over 20 than for younger women.

Table 14. Selected Factors Related to Infant Mortality, 1994

Risk	Percent of Births:	County Quartiles:	
	State	Lowest	Highest
Low Birthweight	6.4	#4.6	\$6.1
Mother Age Less than 20	10.3	#7.5	\$11.5
Prenatal Care:			
Third Trimester or None	3.5	#2.1	\$4.3
Fewer than 5 Prenatal Visits	4.1	#2.2	\$5.6
5-9 Prenatal Visits	18.5	#15.1	\$28.6

Source: Birth certificates, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

In Wisconsin, 81.4 percent of births were to mothers with 10 or more prenatal care visits.

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Table 15. Number of Infant Deaths, 1990-1994

Year	Neonatal Deaths	Postneonatal Deaths	Total Infant Deaths
1990	358	253	611
1991	370	238	608
1992	310	204	514
1993	331	222	553
1994	327	214	541

Source: Death certificates, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

Note: Neonatal deaths are those that occurred at less than four weeks (28 days) of age. Postneonatal deaths are those that occurred between four weeks and one year of age.

There were 541 infant deaths in Wisconsin in 1994, representing a statewide infant mortality rate of 7.9 deaths per 1,000 births. Most (60 percent) infant deaths occurred within the first 4 weeks of life, the neonatal period.

Table 16. Five-Year Average Infant Mortality, 1990-1994

	Average Annual Number of Deaths	Infant Mortality Rate: State	County Quartiles: Lowest Highest	
Total Infant	565.4	8.0	# 6.3	\$9.0
Neonatal	339.2	4.8	# 3.9	\$5.1
Postneonatal	226.2	3.2	# 2.6	\$4.4

Source: Death certificates, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

Note: Rates are per 1,000 births.

Thirty-one counties had at least 20 infant deaths during the five-year period 1990-1994. Of these, eight counties had an infant mortality rate of 9 per 1,000 births or higher.

HEALTH SERVICES

Table 17. Newborn Hospital Stays by Birthweight and Expected Source of Payment, 1993

	Source of Payment		
	Medical Assistance	Other Pay Sources	All Sources
<u>Average Length of Stay</u>			
Low Birthweight	16	9	13
All Other	2	2	2
<u>Average Charge</u>			
Low Birthweight	\$20,313	\$8,538	\$15,290
All Other	\$1,168	\$1,002	\$1,062

Source: Linked file of birth certificates, hospital discharges and Medical Assistance eligibility data, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

Note: Hospitalizations that occurred out-of-state are not included. Average charge excludes physician charge.

Statewide, 1994 newborn hospital stays averaged 13 days for low birthweight infants, compared with 2 days for other infants. Average hospital costs for a newborn were more than \$15,300 for a low birthweight infant versus about \$1,200 for other infants.

Table 18. Number of Infant Hospitalizations by Selected Diagnoses and Expected Source of Payment, 1994

Diagnosis at Discharge (ICD-9-CM Codes)	Source of Payment		
	Medical Assistance	Other Pay Source	All Sources
Neonatal Disorders (760-779)	649	1,122	1,771
Acute Respiratory Infection (460-466)	833	717	1,550
Viral or Other Infection (010-089, 100-139)	377	289	666
Pneumonia (480-486)	541	392	933
Congenital Anomalies (740-759)	337	540	877
Injuries (800-999)	178	133	311
All Other	2,080	1,609	3,689
Total	4,995	4,802	9,797

Source: Infant hospitalization file, data extracted from the Office of Health Care Information hospital inpatient database, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

Note: Includes all hospitalizations of infants less than one year of age, excluding newborns; counts are based on first-listed diagnosis. Hospitalizations that

Neonatal disorders (a wide variety of conditions originating in the perinatal period) and acute respiratory infections together accounted for about one-third of all 1994 infant hospitalizations in Wisconsin.

occurred out-of-state are not included.

Table 19. Number of Preventable Infant Hospitalizations by Selected Diagnoses and Expected Source of Payment, 1994

Diagnosis at Discharge (ICD-9-CM Codes)	Source of Payment		
	Medical Assistance	Other Pay Source	All Sources
Bacterial Pneumonia (481 ,482.2, 482.3, 482.9, 483, 485, 486)*	363	223	586
Severe Ear, Nose, Throat Infection (382, 462, 463, 465, 472.1)*	167	110	277
Asthma (493)	149	63	212
Gastroenteritis (558.9)	115	95	210
Dehydration (276.5)	448	390	838
All Other Preventable	315	243	558
Total Preventable	1,557	1,124	2,681

Source: Preventable hospitalization file, data extracted from the Office of Health Care Information hospital inpatient database, Wisconsin Center for Health Statistics.

Note: "Preventable hospitalizations" include all hospitalizations for 28 conditions that have been defined as ambulatory-care-sensitive. Hospitalizations for these conditions are potentially preventable, in that timely and appropriate preventive and primary care can decrease hospitalizations by: (1) preventing the onset of an illness or condition, (2) controlling an acute episodic illness or condition, or (3) managing a chronic disease or condition. Accordingly, the number of preventable hospitalizations can be used to indicate problems with access, availability and adequacy of preventive and primary care. This table includes all hospitalizations for the defined conditions among infants under one year of age. Hospitalizations that occurred out-of-state are not included.

*Bacterial pneumonia excludes cases with secondary diagnosis of sickle cell anemia and patients less than 2 months old. Severe ear, nose and throat infections exclude cases with insertion of myringotomy tubes.

During 1994, there were 9,797 hospitalizations of infants (excluding deliveries) in Wisconsin. Of these, 27 percent (2,681) were for conditions in which a hospital stay is potentially preventable, representing a rate of 39.3 such hospitalizations per 1,000 infants.

Table 20. Participation in Special Health Programs, 1994

Population	Prenatal Care Coordination	WIC
Infants (less than 1 year)	---	28,701
Pregnant Women	8,789	9,644
Postpartum Women	---	12,830
Sources:	Bureau of Health Care Financing (Prenatal Care Coordination); Wisconsin WIC Program.	
Note:	The Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides nutritional counseling and supplementary food for pregnant women, infants and young children at risk for poor health outcomes related to nutritional deficiencies. Prenatal Care Coordination (a Medical Assistance program administered by the DHSS Division of Health, Bureau of Health Care Financing) is the coordinated delivery of nonmedical (psychosocial, educational, and other) services to pregnant women. The program attempts to identify each woman's reproductive health needs and focuses on the prevention of poor birth outcomes. High-risk MA recipients are selected for this benefit, based on established criteria to determine high risk.	

In December of 1994, 28,704 Wisconsin infants were receiving services from WIC. The number of women participating in WIC included 9,644 pregnant women and 12,830 receiving services during the year after giving birth.